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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN- MOROCCAN- MAURITANIAN STATEMENT ON LEBANESE
FEDAYEEN CONFRONTATION; BOUTEFLIKA COMMENTS

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1. JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE BENHIMA AND BOUTEFLIKA FROM NOUAKCHOTT
AFTER MAY 8-10 CONFERENCE ON SPANISH SAHARA, THEY JOINED FONMIN
MOUKNASS IN ISSUING STATEMENT DEPLORING LEBANESE- FEDAYEEN
CONFRONTATION. STATEMENT REMARKABLE ONLY FOR POLITENESS
DISPLAYED VIS A VIS GOL AND MILD LANGUAGE IN WHICH HOPE EXPRESSED
FOR EARLY RESOLUTION OF DIFFICULTIES.

2. ACCORDING LEBANESE SOURCE WITH WHOM BOUTEFLIKA HAD EXTENDED
CONVERSATION MAY 9 RE GOL- FEDAYEEN CONFRONTATION, BOUTEFLIKA
CONVINCED USG HAD ENGINEERED MOST RECENT CLASHES. ALGERIAN
ASSERTED THAT USG MASTER PLAN ENVISIONED EARLY SYRIAN ATTEMPT
INVADE LEBANON IN SUPPORT OF FEDAYEEN. WASHINGTON PLANNED
COUNTER SYRIAN ACTION BY LANDING AMERICAN FORCES IN LEBANON
A LA 1958, BUT THIS TIME WOULD THROW OWN FORCES INTO ACTION AND TRY
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CRUSH PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. BOUTEFLIKA ACKNOWLEDGED
VALIDITY OF SOURCE' S OBSERVATION THAT ALGERIA AND LIBYA APPEARED
SHARE SIMILAR INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE OF LEBANESE SCENE.

3. BOULEFLIKA ALSO REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT MOROCCAN FONMIN
STRONGLY OPPOSED ANY OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY FONMINS CRITICAL
OF LEBANESE AUTHORITIES.

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